

Respect To Prohibited Tax Shelter Transactions to Which Tax-Exempt Entities Are Parties and Related Disclosure Requirements" (Notice 2006-65) received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7682. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting of Gross Proceeds Payments to Attorneys" (RIN1545-AW72) received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRAIG, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2562. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (Rept. No. 109-296).

By Mr. CRAIG, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2694. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-297).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Jennifer M. Anderson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

*Phyllis D. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

*Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2013.

*Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2012.

*Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2007.

*Paul A. Denett, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 3745. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a tax credit for certain employer-provided retiree health care coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3746. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to facilitate the establishment of the National Ag Science Center in Stanislaus County, California; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 3747. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to Medicare benefits for individuals ages 55 to 65, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable and advanceable credit against income tax for payment of such premiums, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 3748. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to publish a supplement to the major rehabilitation report for the Herbert Hoover Dike system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3749. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain parts and accessories for measuring or checking instruments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3750. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain printed circuit assemblies for measuring equipment for telecommunications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3751. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain subassemblies for measuring equipment for telecommunications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3752. A bill to liquidate or reliquidate certain entries of frozen fish fillets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3753. A bill to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers that have incurred losses during calendar year 2006 due to fires; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 3754. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3755. A bill to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3756. A bill to study and improve the air quality inside school buses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3757. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

950 Missouri Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois, as the "Katherine Dunham Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3758. A bill to establish certain requirements relating to the continuation of the Survey of Income and Program Participation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 3759. A bill to name the Armed Forces Readiness Center in Great Falls, Montana, in honor of Captain William Wylie Galt, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 3760. A bill to prohibit the suspension of royalties under certain circumstances and to clarify the authority to impose price thresholds for certain leases; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. Res. 541. A resolution congratulating Spelman College on its 125th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. Res. 542. A resolution supporting the goals and ideas of National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 543. A resolution temporarily suspending the Rules for the Regulation of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol and Senate Office Buildings for the purpose of permitting the taking of photographs in the area of the Daily Press Gallery; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 146

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code,

to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and for other purposes.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 914, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 1263

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1263, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish eligibility requirements for business concerns to receive awards under the Small Business Innovation Research Program.

S. 1537

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1537, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1774, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the activities of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute with respect to research on pulmonary hypertension.

S. 2048

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2048, a bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to classify certain children's products containing lead to be banned hazardous substances.

S. 2354

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2354, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under part D of such title based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices.

S. 2491

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2491, a bill to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator.

S. 2590

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2590, a bill to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds.

S. 2707

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2707, a bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt qualified public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan.

S. 2791

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2791, a bill to amend title 46 and 49, United States Code, to provide improved maritime, rail, and public transportation security, and for other purposes.

S. 3523

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3523, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending.

S. 3535

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3535, a bill to modernize and update the National Housing Act and to enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, and for other purposes.

S. 3677

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3677, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the in the home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs.

S. 3681

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3681, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 3722

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi

(Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3722, a bill to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

S.J. RES. 7

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 7, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

S. CON. RES. 84

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 84, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan.

S. CON. RES. 97

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 97, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

S. RES. 359

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 359, a resolution concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3746. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to facilitate the establishment of the National Ag Science Center in Stanislaus County, California; to the committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague Senator FEINSTEIN to introduce a bill authorizing the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to make grants to facilitate the establishment of the National Ag Science Center in Stanislaus County, California. This bill will create a facility that will help teach visitors from all across the country about the significance of agriculture in our Nation's culture and economy, the importance of science in agriculture, and California's role as the Nation's preeminent agricultural State.

This bill will designate \$10 million in total grant funding to help fund construction costs of the center, with the